

# IMISCOE PhD Workshop

## Academic Skills during and after a PhD in Migration Studies

June 30, 2016 | Prague – 08:30h-12:20h

**How do I best manage the work and the amount of information within my PhD? How can I get my work published? How to present papers in such a way that it successfully communicates my message, and facilitates constructive feedback? What should I be aware of when preparing my PhD defense? What are my professional options after the PhD? What are the typical challenges related to teaching while doing my PhD, and how can I better address them?**

The IMISCOE PhD Workshop 2016, a complementary activity for PhDs who are registered participants of the IMISCOE 13th Annual Conference, will focus on academic skills particularly relevant to PhD's in Migration Studies. The aim is to enable the development of coping strategies regarding daily constraints, increase motivation, stimulate the quality of scientific production, and promote strategies for entry into the labor market.

The workshop will be held in two timeslots, each consisting of two separate, parallel sessions. Participants can register for one session per timeslot. The workshop will start at 08:30h with a quick joint introduction and, after the sessions, there will be the IMISCOE PhD assembly (11:50h-12:20h). We invite you to participate and share with us your ideas about the future of the PhD network.

### **Sessions timeslot 1 (08:40h-10:00h):**

#### ***Session 1: PhD's in the initial stages:***

**Speaker:** *(to be announced)*

- How to effectively plan, structure and manage your project, and general workload. How to deal with the inevitable stress and pressure inherent in a PhD trajectory?
- Managing bibliography: improvement of library skills (what and where to look for?); advantages of using reference management software.
- Advice on how to present your work, and how to get the most out of your opportunities to gain feedback from the audience. Furthermore, advice on conferences: how to get the most out of them in terms of valuable feedback, networking etc.

#### ***Session 2: PhD's in advanced stages:***

**Speaker:** *(to be announced)*

- What makes a good dissertation? What do committees look for, and what are typical do's and don'ts?
- How to successfully defend your thesis? What are typical hurdles and how can these be addressed?
- What are your options after a PhD? And what can (or should) you already do prior to finishing your PhD to pave the way in that direction? What options and opportunities does IMISCOE offer in this regard?
- How to apply for funding? What sources of funding are interesting to migration and integration scholars and how does one successfully apply for them? What does a funding application look like? What opportunities does IMISCOE offer in terms of funding?

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Sessions timeslot 2 (10:20h-11:50h):

### **Session 3: Publishing**

Speaker: [Pedro Góis](#), CES/FEUC, University of Coimbra, Portugal

- Information on what journals are interesting for what topic, and how to approach them. How does the choice of journal affect your paper, and what role does your paper play in the journals you will consider?
- How to get your work published? What are typical hurdles and how best to deal with them? What do editors look for in a paper? How about special issues? Should you accept an invitation to contribute to a book using your best material when you might potentially get it published as a peer-reviewed journal article in the future?
- When should you publish in different languages and what are the consequences of doing so?

### **Session 4: Inspiration for teaching**

**Including:** Discussion session to exchange participants' experiences with, inspirations for and challenges associated with teaching on migration

- What and who inspires you for your teaching approach?
- What are the most important challenges considering teaching about migration? What teaching-related issues would like to discuss within the IMISCOE PhD network?
- What have been the most important challenges that you have faced and how have you dealt with them?
- If you do not have any teaching experience yet, why do you (not) want to teach?

Most of us are or will be engaged in teaching activities and have little opportunity to reflect on this part of our academic lives - especially in an interdisciplinary international context. Not only among PhDs, but more generally, international networks and conferences pay little or no attention to teaching. In this Teaching Session, we will come together as peer reflection session to exchange, learn, inspire and motivate each other to do better teaching on related topics in the future.

These and more other questions will be discussed at the IMISCOE PhD Workshop 2016, **reserved for those registered at the IMISCOE 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.**

To participate, please apply for the sessions you wish to attend. **Participation is free of charge, but limited to the available places. Participants will be selected according to a motivational abstract (max. 150 words).**

The application for the workshop is open **from April 15<sup>th</sup> until May 15<sup>th</sup>** at: <http://goo.gl/forms/e16E2T3yzP>

**AFTER THE SELECTION PROCESS, PARTICIPATION WILL BE GRANTED ONLY AFTER REGISTRATION TO THE IMISCOE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

Join us to this event!

Hope to see you in Prague!

IMISCOE PhD Network

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